

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 188 [2003 Assembly Bill 14]

Notification to Law Enforcement of Sexual Offender's Residence

2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/

Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

Under **current law**, if the Department of Corrections or any other agency with jurisdiction confines a person, places a person in a community extensive sanctions program, or releases a person from confinement, and the person has, on only one occasion, been convicted of a sex offense, the department or agency may notify the police chief of the community and the sheriff of the county in which the person will be residing, employed, or attending school. The department or agency may provide the notice if the department or agency determines that the notification is necessary to protect the public. If the same situation exists, except that the person has two or more sex offense convictions, the department or agency must notify the police chief of the community and the sheriff of the county in which the person will be residing, employed, or attending school.

Currently, the department must provide access to information concerning persons registered under s. 301.45 (sex offender registry), by creating and maintaining an Internet site and by any other means that the department determines is appropriate. The information provided through the Internet site must be organized in a manner that allows a person using the Internet site to obtain the information that the department is required to provide that person and other information that the department determines is necessary to protect the public.

2003 Wisconsin Act 188 provides that the department must provide by Internet access, the means for a law enforcement agency to easily identify changes that have occurred in the residence, employment, or place of school attendance of a person registered as a sex offender.

Effective Date: The effective date of 2003 Wisconsin Act 188 is October 22, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.